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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, attached is a paper providing a summary of the claimed subject matter as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v).

Should any fees be required by the present response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 19-4293.

Respectfully submitted,

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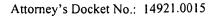
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SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

Claim 1 discloses flexible joint assemblies for conducting a fluid that includes a joint assembly inlet, a joint assembly outlet, and a fluid flow path between the inlet and the outlet. See page 2, lines 6-7 of the specification. The fluid flow path includes a first pivot joint, a second pivot joint, wherein each of the first pivot joint and second pivot joint independently includes a ball and socket joint. See page 2, lines 12-14 and page 4, line 6 of the specification. Each ball and socket joint includes a socket, a ball received in the socket, a seal between the ball and the socket and a unitary central fluid conductor fluidly coupling the pivot joints. See page 3, lines 11-16 and page 4, line 6 to page 5, line 6 of the specification. Claim 41 discloses flexible joint assemblies wherein each of the first pivot joint and second pivot joint includes an inner member, a receiving member, a sealing member, a supporting member and a retaining ring. See page 2, lines 14-18 and page 4, line 6 to page 5, line 6 of the specification.